

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows.

--~~The present invention relates to an~~ An image forming apparatus comprising ~~includes~~ a first image bearing member carrying a toner ~~image; image,~~ and a movable second image bearing member carrying a toner image. The toner image on ~~said~~ the first image bearing member is transferred to ~~said~~ the second image bearing member at a first transfer portion, and the toner image on ~~said~~ the second image bearing member is transferred to a transfer material at a second transfer ~~portion, and further comprising:~~ portion. The apparatus also includes a charging member contacting ~~to~~ said the second image bearing member arranged on a downstream side of ~~said~~ the second transfer portion and on an upstream side of ~~said~~ the first transfer portion in a moving direction of ~~said~~ the second image bearing ~~member; member,~~ and a mark portion having a thickness and being formed on ~~said~~ the second image bearing member. A contact region between ~~said~~ the charging member and ~~said~~ the second image bearing member does not overlap with ~~said~~ the mark portion in a direction perpendicular to ~~[[a]]~~ the moving direction of ~~said~~ the second image bearing member.--